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Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1945, 1946 and 1947 /1

	Beverages /2	Margarine and butterine /3	Fresh fruits & vegetables/4	Meats /5	Butter /3	Cheese /3	Eggs /3	Poultry dressed /3	Canned milk	Canned food stuffs /6	Total
Estimated cars, March 1947	20,479	339	74,612	31,595	1,698	2,458	3,222	1,345	5,193	35,139	176,080
Number cars shipped March 1946	20,330	334	86,030	27,758	1,209	1,658	3,464	1,416	5,299	34,116	181,614
Percentage increase or decrease	0.7	1.5	-13.3	13.8	40.4	48.2	-7.0	-5.0	-2.0	3.0	-3.0
Estimated cars, April 1947	20,600	222	83,745	29,476	1,820	1,722	4,021	1,680	6,532	35,940	185,758
Number cars shipped April 1946	18,655	268	90,073	23,047	1,399	1,701	4,233	1,768	6,665	34,106	181,915
Percentage increase or decrease	10.4	-17.2	-7.0	27.9	30.1	1.2	-5.0	-5.0	-2.0	5.4	2.1
Estimated cars, May 1947	19,555	300	87,603	26,745	1,579	1,404	4,051	1,333	6,574	31,950	181,094
Number cars shipped May 1946	17,085	314	86,404	20,911	1,263	1,431	4,011	1,418	6,567	30,050	169,454
Percentage increase or decrease	14.5	-4.5	1.4	27.9	25.0	-1.9	1.0	-6.0	0.1	6.3	6.9
Number cars shipped June 1946	17,214	230	90,410	18,402	1,463	1,605	3,666	1,467	8,675	33,960	177,092
Estimated cars, June 1945	19,458	193	79,324	29,501	1,170	1,800	4,669	1,687	9,741	32,654	180,197
Percentage increase or decrease	-11.5	19.2	14.0	-37.6	25.0	-10.8	-21.5	-13.0	-10.9	4.0	-1.7
Estimated cars, July 1946	19,349	427	85,904	39,760	2,556	1,867	4,591	2,147	7,593	34,684	198,878
Estimated cars, July 1945	20,625	389	79,383	32,357	3,138	2,134	5,013	2,147	8,809	32,876	186,871
Percentage increase or decrease	-6.2	9.8	8.2	22.9	-18.5	-12.5	-8.4	0.0	-13.8	5.5	6.4
Estimated cars, August 1946	20,923	522	73,334	31,258	2,386	2,118	4,282	2,423	6,479	35,660	179,385
Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982	551	72,111	31,449	2,763	2,540	4,649	2,347	7,354	33,484	179,230
Percentage increase or decrease	-4.8	-5.3	1.7	-0.6	-13.6	-16.6	-7.9	3.2	-11.9	6.5	0.1
Estimated cars, September 1946	22,989	380	79,637	19,508	1,967	2,054	3,664	2,700	5,475	39,841	178,215
Estimated cars, September 1945	21,492	380	86,920	29,247	1,880	2,542	3,843	2,635	5,824	36,186	190,949
Percentage increase or decrease	7.0	0.0	-8.4	-33.3	4.6	-19.2	-4.7	2.5	-6.0	10.1	-6.7

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Estimated cars, October 1946	23,426	641	93,022	27,710	1,785	1,917	4,303	3,747	4,398	43,953	204,902
Estimated cars, October 1945	24,334	590	100,744	30,201	1,635	1,860	3,485	3,569	4,664	42,952	214,034
Percentage increase or decrease	-3.7	8.6	-7.7	-8.2	9.2	3.1	23.5	5.0	-5.7	2.3	-4.3
Estimated cars, November 1946	22,206	424	72,461	34,939	1,765	1,542	3,959	5,182	4,474	46,576	193,528
Estimated cars, November 1945	23,100	390	81,625	35,668	1,695	1,846	3,165	4,959	4,419	44,200	201,067
Percentage increase or decrease	-3.8	8.7	-11.2	-2.0	4.1	-16.5	25.1	4.5	1.2	5.4	-3.7
Estimated cars, December 1946	22,617	410	70,616	32,791	1,480	1,292	2,923	4,856	4,113	41,381	182,479
Estimated cars, December 1945	23,807	377	74,446	35,338	1,623	1,643	2,669	4,845	4,316	40,570	189,634
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	8.8	-5.1	-7.2	-8.8	-21.4	9.5	0.2	-4.7	2.0	-3.8
Estimated cars, January 1947	20,801	331	76,858	28,485	2,171	2,692	2,830	2,678	4,277	38,352	179,475
Number cars shipped, January 1946	21,221	343	83,916	28,758	1,542	1,819	3,011	2,880	4,364	37,600	185,454
Percentage increase or decrease	-2.0	-3.5	-8.4	-0.9	40.8	48.0	-6.0	-7.0	-2.0	2.0	-3.2
Estimated cars, February 1947	19,815	347	64,321	27,088	1,822	2,248	2,601	1,506	4,281	36,702	160,731
Number cars shipped February 1946	20,858	274	73,924	28,171	1,294	1,520	2,738	1,585	4,391	35,473	170,228
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	26.6	-13.0	-3.8	40.8	47.9	-5.0	-5.0	-2.5	3.5	-5.6

/1 For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.
/2 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for the first 6 months of 1946.
/3 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated are used in the first 6 months of 1946.
/4 Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration. February, March, April and May 1947 are estimates; all other figures are actual shipments. Approximately 1.5% of all fresh fruits and vegetables are frozen; frozen foods and watermelons not included in these shipments.
/5 For the first 6 months of 1946, this figure is the sum of ICC classification 210, 220 and 222 carloads originated less canned meats. Seven months of 1945, 6 months of 1946, and January, February, March, April and May 1947 are estimates on the same basis.
/6 The first 6 months of 1946 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk. Seven months of 1945, 6 months of 1946 and January, February, March, April and May 1947 are estimates of the same movement.

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